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special education. This was not a request the school districts made of the Legislature say, give us that. They told them. They said by February 1, buddy, you will have your budget in here. That budget will be approved. You will have your staff and you will be paid in four equal parts. There are a number of school districts that have complied with that and let me tell you, most of those that have complied with that are the school districts that are handling the major special education programs in this state and now we say to them, wait a minute. You are not going to get your money because somebody didn't do this at some particular time or somebody was paid \$3500 when they were suppose to be paid \$1400. I talked to a superintendent yesterday. His school district is borrowing and has borrowed over \$500,000 at the bank and about half of that is attributal to the failure of the state to pay 403 funds. Now I'll be through on that, Mr. Chairman. I've asked permission to speak at a later time.

PRESIDENT: You will have an opportunity to close. There are many lights on. Your schedule calls for us to go off of General File at 10:55 a.m. for a special ceremony. We will resume this immediately upon the completion of the ceremony. The Speaker has asked me to announce his appointment of a special committee of Senator Hasebroock and Senator Kennedy to escort the Easter Seal child, Jeff Folsom, into the chambers. Senators, would you kindly do that. Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and visitors, we have here with us this morning Jeffrey Folsom, son of Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Folsom of Lincoln. He has cerebral palsy, attends Park School, attended the Easter Seal sponsored Day Camp at Nebraska Wesleyan University for the first time last summer. Jeffrey represents thousands of handicapped children and adults who receive Easter Seal support. We have a proclamation of the Legislature, whereas the Nebraska Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults has spent \$188,543 for the services to handicapped Nebraskans during the past year, and whereas the Nebraska Seal Society offers a vast program of service including transportation to special schools and medical centers, the rental or purchase of hospital equipment, such as braces, wheel chairs and beds, the purchase of hearing aids and physical and speech therapy, and whereas the Nebraska Easter Seal Society operates a unique summer resident camp for crippled children and adults, and whereas the Nebraska Easter Seal Society works to remove architectural barriers from public buildings, offers scholarships to students in health fields and supports research to prevent crippling disease. Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, J. W. Burbach, Speaker of the Nebraska Legislature, do hereby proclaim February the 24th thru March the 30th as the Easter Seal Campaign time in Nebraska and Jeffrey Folsom of Lincoln, Nebraska the Easter Seal child for 1975. I urge all Nebraskans to join me in helping the Easter Seal Society to continue its work to serve the handicapped of Nebraska. In witness hereof, I have, hereunto, set my hand and caused my signature to be placed upon this proclamation.